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# Modified drawdown of Rough River Lake is postponed until 2007

**LOUISVILLE, KY** – The schedule for awarding construction contracts has been adjusted for the Rough River Dam Safety Assurance Project in Falls of Rough, Ky.

The second construction contract for correcting deficiencies in the outlet works will now be awarded in the summer of 2007.

Although repairs to the outlet works at Rough River Dam have been delayed for 12 months, the delay does not pose an immediate threat to the safety of the dam as temporary repairs to the downstream concrete-paved apron that were made in 2004 have performed well.

The normal reservoir operation will be modified in fall of 2007 only. The lake will remain at its authorized summer level of 495 feet until September 10, 2007, one week after the Labor Day weekend. After the holiday, an accelerated drawdown of the lake will begin to reach winter pool elevation of 475 feet by October 15, 2007.

During the stilling basin construction, all inflow over 50 cubic feet per second (cfs) will be stored. Construction activities which limit discharges to 50 cfs should be completed on or about Jan. 15, 2008, approximately 90 days after the drawdown to winter pool is completed.

After the work in the downstream river channel is completed, the lake will resume normal operations. Other construction activities will be completed shortly after the river channel work is completed.

The lake should be returned to summer pool by the traditional target date of April 15, 2008.